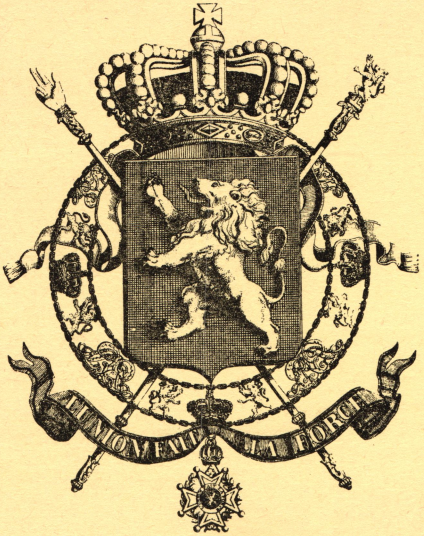
# 150 YEARS INDEPENDENCE OF BELGIUM

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Belgium is one of the smallest European Countries. In 1980 it commemorates the 150th anniversary of its independence. The foundations were laid after the battle of Waterloo, where Napoleon was defeated in 1815.

The liberated Netherlands were then formed to be a bufferstate and were united into one state.

The Dutch and the Belgians, under King William I however, did not get along too well.

In 1830 after the performance of the opera called « The Mute of Portici » in the « Munt »-theatre in Brussels, the revolution started and soon exploded all over the Southern Netherlands.

Out of this revolution arose the independence of Belgium, and in 1831 they offered the throne to Leopold of Saxon-Coburg, who became the first King of the Belgians.